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SUBJECT: TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN SERVICE CONSULAR
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1. THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS IS PLANNING A THREE WEEK
TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE U.S. BEGINNING NOVEMBER 14 FOR
SELECTED LOCAL EMPLOYEES WORKIN IN OUR CONSULAR SECTIONS.

2. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE THE FIRST OF THREE PLANNED FOR
FY-78. EACH WILL CONCENTRATE ON A DIFFERENT REGIONAL AREA,

WITH THE ARA PARTICIPANTS SERVING AS PILOT GROUP.

3. THE NOVEMBER 14 PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT FSI WITH AN IN-DEPTH SEMINAR COVERING SIGNIFICANT, BROAD CONSULAR PROBLEMS EMPHASIZING BOTH THE WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE ON THESE PROBLEMS AND THE VIEW FROM THE FIELD. NEW APPROACHES TO CONSULAR WORK AND TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN FSLS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT RELATED AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON AREA INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, AND OTHERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN APPRECIATION OF THE BREADTH OF CURRENT AND IMPENDING CONSULAR PROBLEMS, A REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS, AS WELL AS NEW APPROACHES AND METHODS OF HANDLING CONSULAR WORKLOADS AT POST.

4. THE PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES APPROACHING RETIREMENT AGE, OR AS A REWARD FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. RATHER, IT IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE OUTSTANDING LOCALS WHOSE INTENTIONS AND WHOSE PERFORMANCE TO DATE INDICATE THAT THEY WILL HAVE AT LEAST FIVE TO TEN ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE USG IN AN AREA WHERE SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT. NOMINEES UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED ONE OR MORE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES ON CONSULAR WORK OR THEIR EQUIVALENT THROUGH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

5. THE FSL NOMINATED SHOULD BE OPERATING WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION ON DUTIES CLEARLY OF AN ADVANCED LEVEL. THESE DUTIES COULD INCLUDE WORK IN ANY OR ALL OF THE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, I.E. CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORTS, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISAS.

6. PARTICIPANTS NOMINATED FOR THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH (INTERPRETERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE). THEY MUST BE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND SHOULD ALSO BE CAPABLE OF PUBLIC SPEAVW D AND ABLE TO HANDLE THEMSELVES IN SEMINARS.

7. WE ANTICIPATE THAT EMPLOYEES SELECTED WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 13 AND WOULD RETURN TO THEIR POSTS BY DECEMBER 4. IF UNUSUAL AIR SCHEDULES DO NOT PERMIT FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON NOVEMBER 13 PLEASE INFORM FSI IN NOMINATING CABLE. ALSO INCLUDE COST, IN U.S. DOL-

LARS, OF AIR FARE.

8. SINCE A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE POSTS PROVIDE, AS APPROPRIATE, A SUGGESTED RANKING OF TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE NOMINEES FROM CONSULAR SECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF RELATIVE TRAINING NEEDS AMONG CONSULAR UNITS, I.E., CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORT, SCS, VISAS. FINAL SELECTION, HOWEVER, WILL BE MADE BY FSI.

9. POSTS SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TELEGRAPHICALLY UNDER SUBJECT HEADING QUOTE FSI: CONSULAR LOCALS U.S. TRAINING PROGRAM UNQUOTE. NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 23, 1977.

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10. DATA TO BE SUBMITTED MUST INCLUDE FULL NAME; DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH; STATEMENT CONFIRMING FLUENCY IN ENGLISH; LENGTH OF SERVICE TO DA
TE WITH USG; DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
PRESENTLY PERFORMED; EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, AND OTHER BACKGROUND IN CONSULAR WORK; SPECIFIC CONSULAR UNIT
NOMINEE WILL PERFORM IN IF CHANGE IS PLANNED; AND POSTS' JUSTIFICATION OFR NOMINATION. FSI WILL HONOR THESE REQUESTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

11. POSTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF NOMINEES SELECTED DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 3. APPROPRIATE FISCAL DATA REGARDING TRAVEL WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PROBABLY NOT BEFORE NOVEMBER 1. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT NO DEPENDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM. VANCE

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